Waiting list for telephone connections in Rajasthan

1445. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been improvement in the allotment of telephone connections in the country during the past three years;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) the total number of applicants on the waiting list in different districts of Rajasthan; and

(d) the steps being taken to clear those applications?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) During the last three years (1985—88) a total No. of 9.04 lakhs new Telephone Connections were provided in the country. The year-wise break-up of new connections provided during 1985-86, 1986-87 and 1987-88 is 2,67,362, 3,24,151 and 3,13,078 respectively.

(c) The information is given in the Statement (*See* below).

(d) It is proposed to meet, by the end of 7th plan, average registered demand of Telephones registered upto 1-4-87 in the case of Main Automatic Exchange-I (MAX-I) upto 1.4.88 in the case of MAX-II exchanges and upto 31-3-90 in the case of MAX-III and manual exchanges. The remaining pending applications shall be cleared gradually during Eighth plan. During the current year 1988-89, about 17,000 new telephone connections are proposed to be provided in Rajasthan.

Statement

Districtwise Waiting List in Rajasthan as on 31.3.1988

Name of District	Waiting List
Ajmer	2756
Alwar	879
Banswara	345
Barmer	995
Bharatpur	238
Bhilwara	1464
Bikaner	1656
Bundi	182
Chittorgarh	264
Churu	154
Dholpur	5
Dungarpur	102
Jaipur	24429
Jaiselmer	70
Jailore	137
Jhalawar	6
Jhunjhunu	180
Jodhpur	5850
Kota	2991
Nagaur	517
Pali	1009
Swaimadhopur	98
Sikar	437
Sirohi	279
Sriganganagar	1442
Tonk	92
Udaipur	4672

Setting up of National Transmission Corporation

1446. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up a National Transmission Corporation to ensure an integrated approach to the transmission needs of the power sector in the country; and